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FOIA: 19-HQ-F-00246

Dear Ms. Best:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated December 26, 2018, and received at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Headquarters FOIA Office on January 28, 2019. Please be advised, that due to a lapse of federal funding, we are currently responding to all FOIA requests that were sent to NASA during the Government Shutdown which lasted from December 22, 2018 through January 25, 2019, which caused the delay in acknowledging your FOIA request. Your request was assigned FOIA Case Number 19-HQ-F-00246 and was for:

Files mentioning or generated as a result of the 2015 claim by "AnonSec" that NASA flight and radar logs and videos and documents had been hacked, along with a Global Hawk Drone. NASA responded by stating that the footage was already publicly available, and nothing had been hacked. At the time, NASA released a statement saying, "Control of our Global Hawk aircraft was not compromised. NASA has no evidence to indicate the alleged hacked data are anything other than already publicly available date. NASA takes cybersecurity very seriously and will continue to full investigate all of these allegations."

NASA processes all FOIA requests in a multi-track processing system, based upon the date of receipt and the amount of work and time involved in processing the request. In accordance with 14 CFR § 1206.400, your request has been placed in the complex queue and it will generally take 20 working days or more to process. You have also requested to be categorized as a representative of the news media. We are granting your request for the news media status for this request. In accordance with 14 CFR § 1206.507 (c)(3),

NASA shall provide documents to requesters in this category for the cost of duplication alone, excluding charges for the first 100 pages.

You have also requested a fee waiver. In your request, you provided the following information for your request for a fee waiver:

As my primary purpose is to inform about the government activities by reporting on it and making the raw data available, I request the fees be waived.

At this point, we have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request.

Since we need to coordinate and/or consult with another NASA office having a substantial subject-matter interest in the determination of the request, we are availing ourselves of the 10 working day extension of response time provided in the NASA FOIA regulations (14 CFR § 1206.403).

We hope to send you a final reply on or before March 18, 2019.

Prior to filing an appeal, you may contact NASA's Principal FOIA Officer/Chief FOIA Public Liaison, Nikki Gramian, via telephone at 202-358-0625 or via e-mail at Nikki.N.Gramian@NASA.gov to obtain further assistance or seek dispute resolution services for any aspect of your request. You may also send correspondence to Ms. Gramian at the following address:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
Freedom of Information Act Office
NASA Headquarters
Attn: Nikki Gramian
Principal Agency FOIA Officer
300 E Street, S.W., 5P32
Washington D.C. 20546
(Fax) 202- 358-4332

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the national Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
[Telephone: \(202\) 741-5770](tel:(202)741-5770)
[Toll free: 1-877-684-6448](tel:1-877-684-6448)
[Fax: \(202\) 741-5769](tel:(202)741-5769)

Important: Please note that contacting any agency official including the undersigned or NASA's Principal FOIA Officer and/or OGIS referenced above is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90 day appeal clock.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at hq-foia@nasa.gov or 202-358-2462.

Sincerely,



Josephine Sibley
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FOIA Public Liaison Officer